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Statement of the Chicago Board of Health Regarding Mercy Hospital

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The Chicago Board of Health voices its concern about the proposed closure of Mercy Hospital in causing a health care desert impacting persons on the south and southwest side of Chicago. We call upon Governor Pritzker, Mayor Lightfoot, and the Illinois Health Facilities Board to halt the closure of Mercy until a study has been conducted to develop a short and long-term action plan for the health of the community and a permanent solution is found. Failure to act promptly will adversely impact the health and wellbeing of residents of Chicago.